Before theFEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commisioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

These comments are regarding Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I believe the policies of the FCC should promote competition, diversity, and local control in media. Therefore, the FCC should RETAIN all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of mega-merged media conglomerates and ensuring that some degree of diversity and a reasonably wide spectrum of views remains.

Most believe that our democracy is best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, public, informed discussion, with a wide variety of viewpoints represented, will be compromised. The public interest will best be served by preserving current media ownership rules.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country. Considering the potential impact of these rule changes, the FCC should be responsible and responsive to the PUBLIC need, taking time to more thoroughly review these issues and allowing the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you for considering my opinions and entering them into the official comment record.

Sincerely,

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